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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John H. Schneider et al : Group Art Unit: 3721

Serial No.: 10/042,985 : Examiner: Truong, T.K.

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Title: TAMPER-EVIDENT EASY-OPEN SLIDER

PACKAGE AND RELATED METHODS

OF MANUFACTURE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

## COMBINED AMENDMENT AND ELECTION OF INVENTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003, the Applicants request that the following amendments be entered:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel non-elected claims 24-32 and 34-39, and add the following new claims:

48. A package comprising a receptacle having a mouth at an upper end, a flexible zipper attached to said mouth and comprising first and second fastener strips, a slider movably mounted to said zipper for alternately opening or closing portions of said first and second fastener strips depending on the direction of movement of said slider relative to said zipper, and a header covering said zipper and said slider, wherein said header comprises first and second header walls each extending from a first side edge to a second side edge, and said first header wall comprises a tear notch at a first elevation and a first line of weakness that extends generally horizontally

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